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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Takeshi YAMANE**

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Serial No.: 09/867,565

Examiner: **Katarzuna I. Wyrozeb**

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For: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING FRICTION MATERIAL AND FRICTION MATERIAL OBTAINED BY THE PROCESS**

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir:

April 28, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated **February 5, 2003**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the specification with the attached Substituted Specification.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 5 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A process for producing a friction material containing a fiber component, a binder component, which is a thermosetting resin comprising a hardener, and a filler component from raw materials of a friction material through at least a mixing step, a molding step and a heat-treating step, wherein the mixing of said raw materials in said mixing step is carried out by stirring